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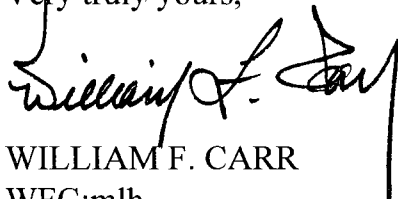
Re: *Oil Conservation Division Case No. 12086 (De Novo):
Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation and Hanley Petroleum Inc. for
Allowable Reduction and the Escrow of Production Proceeds, Lea County,
New Mexico*

Dear Ms Wrotenbery:

Yates Petroleum Corporation and Hanley Petroleum Inc. respectfully request that this matter which is currently set on the Commission docket for the February, 1999 hearings be continued to the Commission's March docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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